

Concord Twp. administrator leaving

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Concord Township Administrator Jack Nettis will leave his position with the township effective Dec. 31.

Nettis, 58, who also is the township's economic development director, began his service in February 2005 and worked on annual contracts.

A new township administrator will be hired by the three township trustees, who currently are Christopher Galloway, Connie Luhta and Paul R. Malchesky,

"My contract is up on Dec. 31 and I have decided not to ask the board to renew it," Nettis said. "I am at a point in my life where I wish to pursue some interests that are a passion for me — teaching."

He has taught as an adjunct instructor for area colleges and universities for the past 17 years.

"I have been very fortunate to have worked with the elected officials and entire staff of Concord during a period of unprecedented change and challenges in its history," Nettis said. "I believe that we have the plans set in motion for the major projects and; therefore, this becomes a good time to make the move."

The administrator said he would make himself available if needed during the transition to a new administrator.

Nettis, who earns \$63,000 as administrator and \$12,000 for his role as economic

development director, didn't rule out a future role in government.

"I may also pursue other similar opportunities in the future, but my decision, at this time, is purely driven by my desires to spend more time in the classroom," he said.

Malchesky said Nettis has been a tremendous asset to the township.

"He's going to be greatly missed and we congratulate him on whatever endeavors he does attempt or does tackle after leaving Concord Township," Malchesky said. "He's been probably the best administrator that Concord Township has ever had."

Galloway said he was saddened when Nettis informed the trustees of his intention, but certainly understood his reasons.

"Working so close with him over the past six years, a lot of the things we've accomplished and started, I believe we wouldn't have been able to do without him," Galloway said.

Luhta said Nettis has done a great job for the township and she hopes to have a new administrator in place soon.

"I hope we can get someone interviewed and get them in before Jack leaves so he can give them the benefit of his knowledge," Luhta said.

Township trustees will accept résumés through Oct. 31. They can be emailed to Trustees@concordtwp.com or mailed to Malchesky at 41 E. Erie St., Painesville, OH 44047.